# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
# LOK SABHA

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MODERNISATION OF WATER TREATMENT PLANTS
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government of France is eager to extend its expertise and assistance in modernising water treatment plants management of solid waste disposal to India; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so far to avail of such expertise to maintain the ecological balance?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION ( SHRI BAN DATTATREYA )

(a): Yes, Sir. The Government of France has expressed interest to extend its expertise, assistance and cooperation in the urban infrastructure sector in India, including water and waste management.

(b): French expertise is already being availed under the existing Indo-French Financial protocol for projects and feasibility studies submitted by the State Government and recommended by the Union of India from time to time. Indo French workshops/seminars have also been held for dissemination of modern technologies, expertise and for enhancing further scope of cooperation.

Project authorities at the State level are required to formulate project proposals and obtain environmental impact clearance from the concerned authorities, duly taking into account the legislative and regulatory measures aimed at preservation, conservation and protection of the environment.